

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD, on January 16, 2007 at 2:25 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Rick Ripley (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Smith, Fiscal Analyst II

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 10, HB 150, HB 155, HB 160, HB 179, 1/11/2007  
Executive Action: HB 10

**HEARING ON HB 150**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:13 Rep. John (Jack) Ross (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 150, Increase statutory appropriation for disasters and emergencies.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:27 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

00:05:01 Mary Sexton, Director Natural Resources and Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:19 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:58 Rep. Morgan

00:08:08 Dan McGowan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:52 Rep. Ross

00:09:36 Break

00:26:03 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 10**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:13 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 10, Supplemental appropriation for fire suppression.

**Proponent Testimony:**

00:29:28 Ann Bauchman, Administrator, Centralized Services, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**EXHIBIT (aph10a01)**

00:31:35 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:02 Rep. John Musgrove  
00:33:35 Rep. Eve Franklin  
00:34:04 Rep. Penny Morgan  
00:39:29 Ann Bauchman  
00:39:41 Rep. William Glaser  
00:40:11 Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator,  
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(aph10a02)**

00:41:09 Rep. Glaser  
00:41:30 Mr. Harrington  
00:41:52 Rep. Glaser  
00:42:03 Rep. Sinrud  
00:42:12 Rep. Glaser  
00:42:17 Rep. Sinrud  
00:42:36 Rep. Jon Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:43:04 Rep. Franklin

**HEARING ON HB 179**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:59 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB  
179, Create Montana military family relief fund.

**Proponent Testimony:**

00:49:24 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor, Montana

**EXHIBIT(aph10a03)**

**EXHIBIT(aph10a04)**

00:54:43 Brig. General Stan Putnam, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Montana Army National Guard; for Major General Randy  
Mosely  
00:57:06 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations, both  
Army and Air  
00:59:43 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army Retired,  
Legislative Chairman of Montana American Legion  
01:03:16 Dan Antonetti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of  
Foreign Wars

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

01:04:19 Lt. Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Legal Counsel,  
Montana National Guard

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:05:14 Rep. Penny Morgan  
01:05:54 Lt. Colonel Moran  
01:07:01 Rep. Jon Sesso  
01:07:38 Lt. Colonel Moran  
01:07:50 Rep. John Sinrud  
01:07:54 Rep. Sesso  
01:08:32 Rep. Joey Jayne  
01:11:01 Lt. Colonel Moran  
01:11:44 Rep. Sinrud  
01:13:27 Rep. Julie French  
01:13:39 Lt. Colonel Moran  
01:14:24 Rep. Sinrud  
01:17:10 Lt. Colonel Moran

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:50 Rep. French  
01:18:22 Rep. Sinrud

**HEARING ON HB 160**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:18:50 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB  
160, Repay land trusts for prior diversions.

**Proponent Testimony:**

01:21:26 Sen. Rick Liable  
01:25:56 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair  
01:26:22 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education

**Opponent Testimony:**

01:27:54 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC

**Informational Testimony:**

01:35:25 Barbara Smith, Fiscal Analyst II

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:38:23 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:38:42 Ms. Smith  
01:39:23 Rep. Sinrud resumed chair  
01:39:30 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:40:08 Ms. Smith  
01:40:31 Rep. Taylor  
01:42:52 Ms. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:43:09 Rep. Stoker

**HEARING ON HB 155**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:55 Rep. Art Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 155, Extend National Guard life insurance reimbursement.

[EXHIBIT \(aph10a05\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

01:49:19 Brig. General Stan Putnam, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Army National Guard; for Major General Randy Mosely  
01:51:42 Rep. Sinrud  
01:52:55 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations, both Army and Air  
01:55:19 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army Retired, Legislative Chairman of Montana American Legion  
01:56:53 Dan Antonetti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Opponent Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:57:29 Lt. Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Legal Counsel, Montana National Guard

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:59:31 Rep. Noonan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10**

**Discussion:**

02:01:17 Rep. Sinrud  
02:03:40 Rep. Glaser  
02:04:14 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
02:06:14 Rep. Glaser

02:08:14 **Motion:** Rep. Kasten moved that **HB 10 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:09:03 Rep. Sinrud  
02:09:09 Rep. Glaser

02:10:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 17-0.

**Discussion:**

02:11:15 Rep. Dave Kasten  
02:12:14 Rep. Sinrud  
02:12:43 Rep. Jon Sesso  
02:13:13 Rep. Sinrud

**EXHIBIT**(aph10a06)

**EXHIBIT**(aph10a07)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph10aad.pdf](#))**